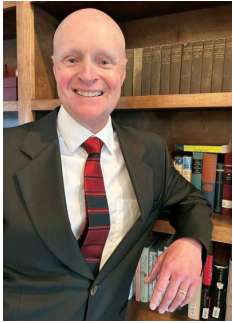




THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2024 YAKIMA CONVENTION & EVENT CENTER

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Of Rotary*

LTC CHRIS HERION VETERANS DAY PROGRAM



Chris Herion has practiced law in Washington for 24 years as a criminal prosecutor, public defender, Special Assistant Attorney General, and recently represented children in civil actions involving termination of parental rights, adoptions, and guardianships. He is also a prior service 90s U.S. Marine and currently serves as a Lieutenant Colonel in the U.S. Army Reserves.

Chris has served as a Judge Advocate General (JAG) for nearly 17 years providing legal counsel and supporting critical disaster relief exchanges and exercises in Bangladesh, Guam, Mongolia, and Nepal. He is currently a Team Chief of a staff of JAGs at Fairchild AFB and is also pursuing a master's degree in strategic studies from the U.S. Army War College.

Prior to being elected a Kittitas County Superior Court Judge, Chris also served on the Ellensburg City Council and was co-chair of the 310th's Criminal Justice Sales Tax Committee. He is the former president of the Kittitas County Bar Association and currently serves on the board of the Clymer Museum of Art.

For this Veterans Day, Chris will share his experiences from the field, insights on service, and the unique responsibilities of serving as a military officer and a public servant.

FOR THURSDAY'S MEETING

Music – Doug Rich
Inspiration – Anthony Peterson
Sergeant-at-Arms – Jim Berg
Program – Jordan Matson

FUTURE PROGRAMS

November 21st - Adam Beach, Native American Heritage Month
November 28th – Happy Thanksgiving

PROPOSED NEW MEMBER

Unless written objection is received by the Board of Directors by Tuesday, November 19, 2025, the following candidate will be elected to membership:

Aryn Masters
Judicial Officer
City of Yakima
Classification: Criminal Law
Proposed by: Quinn Dalan
Endorsed by: Amy Maib

SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING

Yakima Rotary Belling Ringing Week is set for Monday, December 9th through Saturday, December 14th. Sign-ups are underway at four locations: Wray's 56th, Fred Meyer Grocery Entrance, Fred Myer North Entrance, and Rosauers with four shifts each day from 10am - noon; noon - 2pm; 2pm – 4pm and 4pm – 6pm.

An email link to sign up online will be coming sometime this week. Please be generous with your time.



ROTARY AUCTION HIGHLIGHTS

LET THE GOOD TIMES ROLL!



You and 19 of your favorite people will journey to the heart of Cowiche for a spectacular Louisiana-themed dinner to celebrate and watch Super Bowl LIX (59) on Sunday, February 9th, 2025. You'll experience your very own New Orleans Box Seats at the Smith Party Barn with a Cajun-inspired feast from the Lion Chef featuring creamy corn chowder, hush puppies with remoulade sauce, an epic low country boil, and key lime tarts. Festivities will kick off at 3:30pm with pre-game drinks and bites. Enjoy the first half of the game before diving into the main course at halftime, and desserts in the fourth quarter. Cheer on your favorite team and let the Good Times Roll!

Donors: Sheri & Paul Smith, Friends of Rotary

\$4,500



PALM SPRINGS, TENNIS & SUN



Enjoy Southern California sunshine AND world class tennis! Four people will stay for 6 nights at the Corpron Family's Desert Getaway, located 30 minutes east of Palm Springs in Indio's popular Del Webb Community of Shadow Hills. This 2,100 sq. ft home includes a primary bedroom with en-suite, two guest bedrooms with shared bath, open concept great room with gourmet kitchen, dining room, and sunroom. Situated between the 3rd and 4th holes of the executive Par 3 North Golf Course, you will have views of 2 greens, a lake with fountains, and the San Jacinto Mountains all from a private patio well-appointed with outdoor furniture and BBQ. Guests will have access to two outdoor

pools, hot tubs, exercise facilities, pickleball, tennis and bocce ball courts, and golf course privileges. Plan to include the dates of March 6 & 7, 2025 in your itinerary because this package includes box seats on Court 2 (the most fun court) at the highly sought-after Parabus Open Tennis Tournament, as well as a \$500 gift certificate at the famous Nobu Restaurant overlooking the court. Airfare not included.

Donors: Jeedan & Karl Corpron, Greg & Jan Luring

\$6,800

REVIEW

Last week's meeting featured two of our own members speaking about strategies for effective charitable giving, a timely topic with our upcoming auction on Saturday. Quinn Dalan introduced Dan Sullivan, of The Sullivan Group at Baird Private Wealth Management, and Molly Neal, Assistant Vice President and Trust Advisor at Baker Boyer Bank. Starting with the work of Yakima Rotary Charities they shared that the annual spending for Rotary Charities is roughly \$250,000 spread over our academic and vocational scholarships, club projects, Operation Harvest, community and committee grants through Allocation & Review, the annual Presidents Fund, and literacy. Money is raised to support our work through the annual scholarship dinners, donations for Operation Harvest, weekly fines, and our bi-annual auction. The auction supports our giving over a two-year period – its success is crucial. Only a small portion (6-7%) is used for administration costs. All the money raised during the auction goes directly to Charities, with none going to running the club. There are many ways to give. In a very simplified approach, here are a few notes.

A charitable contribution is a transfer of property to a charity. It can be cash, real estate, personal property, stocks/bonds, mutual funds, or any other asset. Once gifted, you are eligible for a tax deduction. It does require that the donor itemize when submitting their tax return. Deductions are subject to AGI limitations and may be limited by the type of property gifted and the type of charity that receives it.

Highly appreciated assets are assets that you own where the fair market value is significantly higher than what you paid for it. You don't pay capital gains until you decide to sell it. When you donate an appreciated asset to a charity, the donor receives an itemized deduction for the fair market value of the asset and the charity avoids capital gains tax on the disposition of the asset.

Traditional IRAs are another way to make a charitable contribution. One tool available to people over 70 ½ years old is through Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs). Transfers can be made directly from your IRA to a charity. When doing so, the transfer is not considered an income distribution by the donor and is not reported as such. A donor advised fund is a tool becoming more common. Sponsored and maintained by organizations such as charities, community foundations, and financial firms, in essence it's an

account that is established that qualifies as a public charity. Property/assets transferred into the account qualify as a charitable contribution and the donor receives a current income tax deduction. The donor can decide how it is invested and distributed. Record keeping is simplified, and other family members can be brought into the decision-making process. Testamentary gifts come from your will or estate and are another way to give.

It's important that we don't lose sight of why people give: for their communities and their fellow citizens. With the auction coming, how can you utilize these tools at the auction? You can pay for your Raise the Paddle or large auction item with QCDs or donate highly appreciated securities rather than cash. Each person should consult their financial advisors and accountants to determine the best way for you to make your charitable contributions.

What else happened on that beautiful fall day? We were greeted by Rob McCormick and Sharon Miracle; a moment of inspiration by John Cooper reminded us that as the days get shorter and fall makes way for winter, to take time to practice gratitude and connect with each other; and Kellie Connaughton did a great job with sergeant-at-arms. After welcoming guests, President Jim shared member recognition and appreciation for Rotarians Amy Maib and Soneya Lund who helped a person in crisis with their dog. Soneya temporarily fostered the dog and Amy paid for the dog to be spayed and arranged for a permanent adoption. Please keep Greg Luring in your thoughts as he recovers from a fall. You are welcome to visit him at Landmark as he rehabs. One more congratulation was given to Kyle Curtis and LaDon Linde on their reelection. Rick Fairbrook announced that Rotary Bell Ringing will take place the week of December 9th through 14th. All the funds raised stay local to eliminate student food insecurities, move families out of generational poverty, stock their food bank, and provide food for 16 school pantries monthly.

As a reminder, you don't want to miss out on Under The Big Top Auction on November 16th. What's in store for you? Live performers that will dazzle and entertain, silent and live auction to bid on, delicious food and drinks, and great company. It's going to be an unforgettable evening so get your tickets now and join us for a spectacular night!

SAVE THE DATE NOVEMBER 16, 2024



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